

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/974,504

Examiner

Thai Vu

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/10/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/19/2002
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Williams (U.S. Patent #: 6,570,394) teaches a test system comprising a source for providing adjustable signal to a receiver via a signal path, which introduces distortion; a signal acquisition unit including a computer for analyzing the signal provided to the receiver.

Williams (U.S. Patent #: 6,344,749) teaches a test system for measuring frequency response of the signal path. The system includes a transmitter for transmitting test signal along a signal path, a receiver for receiving the transmitted test signal and a data acquisition system for analyzing the test signal including measuring frequency response of the signal path.

Jin et al. (U.S. Patent #: 6,751,447) teach a signal path having an input coupled to the source, introducing a distortion.

Dalebroux et al. (U.S. Patent #: 6,636,722) teach a test system including a signal generator with adjustable signal for providing a calibration test signal for calibrating the receiver.

However, the prior art made of records fails to teach or suggest, in combination, extracting a first combined frequency response of the receiver and the signal path at at

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least three predesignated frequencies within the bandwidth of the stimulus signal, extracting a second combined frequency response of the receiver and the signal path at the at least three predesignated frequencies within the bandwidth of the stimulus signal, and determining a response of the receiver from the first combined frequency response and the second combined frequency response, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claims 1 and 11, and further limitations of their respective dependent claims 2-10 and 12-20.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

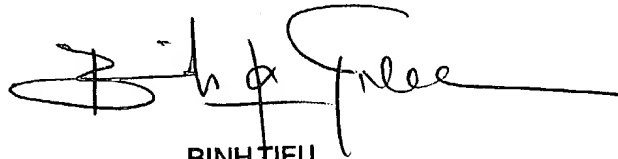
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai Vu whose telephone number is 703-305-3417. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00AM-6:00PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 703-305-3900. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER
